

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #14256

BY: Commissioner Mattie Hatchett, District #10; Bill Dwyer, District #14

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1049 GRANTING POWERS RELATED TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS opiate addiction is an epidemic among young people throughout Oakland County and the nation; and

WHEREAS heroin and opiate overdoses are rising in frequency, many of which result in death; and

WHEREAS a medication has been developed to treat opiate overdoses and is being used to save lives in other communities in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS an opioid antagonist prevents or reverses the effects of opioids within a few minutes of being administered and can be given as an injection or through a nasal inhaler; and

WHEREAS law enforcement officers are frequently the first to arrive on the scene of opiate overdoses; and

WHEREAS the training of law enforcement officers in the administration of opioid antagonist may help save lives that would otherwise be lost to overdose; and

WHEREAS granting authorization to law enforcement agencies to purchase and distribute opioid antagonists will provide equal access to these valuable tools that have been provided to emergency medical responders; and

WHEREAS this legislation would also provide equal civil and criminal immunity to law enforcement officers in the administration of opioid antagonists that has been granted to other first responders under new Michigan laws; and

WHEREAS the Department of Justice has equipped agents in the Drug Enforcement Agency, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, U.S. Marshals and Federal Bureau of Investigation with opioid antagonists; and

WHEREAS several states including Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey allow police to administer opioid antagonists; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Community Health has reported nearly a 300% increase in heroin related overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS Oakland County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Team's heroin cases are up over 400% for the same time period in 2014 as compared to 2013; and

WHEREAS citizens are bringing to light the increasing human cost of heroin to Oakland County families through organizations like Bryan's Hope; and

WHEREAS the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Sheriff's Association are in support of the legislation; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Sheriff's office and area local law enforcement agencies should be granted access to this valuable tool as they meet the challenge of rising heroin usage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners supports Senate 1049 expanding provisions of the law for the administration, purchasing, distribution and legal immunity regarding opioid antagonists for law enforcement officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the County of Oakland is directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Board's legislative lobbyists, the Office of the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and the House Speaker and Minority Leader and the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan Legislature.

Chairperson, I move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

MATTIE HATCHETT, BILL DWYER, JANET JACKSON, GARY MCGILLIVRAY, DAVE WOODWARD, MARCIA GERSHENSON, HELAINE ZACK, TOM MIDDLETON, JIM RUNESTAD, PHILIP WEIPERT, BOB HOFFMAN, NANCY QUARLES

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November 19, 2014

Moved by Spisz supported by Quarles the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the amended Consent Agenda be adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

AYES: Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Hatchett, Jackson, Long, Matis, McGillivray, Middleton, Quarles, Runestad, Scott, Spisz, Taub, Weipert, Woodward, Zack, Bosnic, Dwyer. (19)
NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the amended Consent Agenda were adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Lisa Brown, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on November 19th, 2014, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 19th day of November 2014.

Lisa Brown, Oakland County